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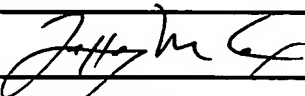
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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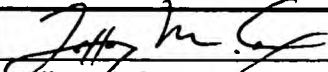
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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING)	
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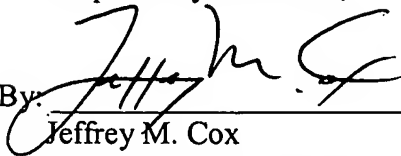
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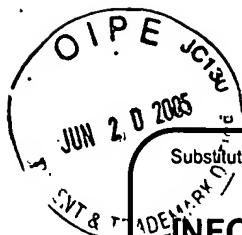
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